

Because telephone, internet and other communication lines are often disrupted in times of disaster, communications with Haiti are very difficult at this time. The State Department Operations Center has set up the following number for Americans seeking information about U.S. citizens living or traveling in Haiti: 1-888-407-4747. Due to heavy volume, some callers may receive a recording. To better handle these requests, the State Department has established an e-mail address as well: Haiti-Earthquake@state.gov .

A top priority of the State Department is accounting for the thousands of American citizens who are currently in Haiti. US citizens in Haiti have been urged to contact the Embassy via email at ACSPaP@state.gov to request assistance or call the Embassy's Consular Task Force at 509-2229-8942, 509-2229-8089, 509-2229-8322, or 509-2229-8672.

For inquiries regarding relatives living and who have citizenship in Haiti, the International Committee of the Red Cross has set up a Family Links website which allows people in Haiti and in the United States to register the names of relatives with whom they want to restore contact. It will incorporate responses to those queries as they become available. The address is: <http://www.icrc.org/web/doc/siterfl0.nsf/htmlall/familylinks-haiti-eng>

Please visit the following websites for the most updated information on the situation in Haiti or for information on how you can help:

U.S. Department of State: <http://www.state.gov/p/wha/ci/ha/earthquake/index.htm>

The Whitehouse: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/HaitiEarthquake>

U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID): <http://www.usaid.gov/>

For information on counseling services available to citizens living in the 13th District, please contact my Jersey City office at 201-222-2828.

